

Business Watch Program

This program will provide the following to participating businesses:

- Key owner information for the Police Department during non-working hours.
- Inspection of the business to help deter and prevent crime from occurring.
- Suggestions to increase security and overall safety for employees and your customers.

If interested in the Business Watch Program, contact The Bluffton Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit.

706-4550

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency Bluffton Dispatch	757-3499
Dispatch Main Number	524-2777
Social Services	470-4600
Solicitor's Office	255-5880
Child Abuse Prevention	524-4350
Adult/Child Protective Services	525-7861
Bluffton Self Help	757-8000
United Way of the Low Country	982-3040

Town of Bluffton Departments 20 Bridge Street

Town Hall Main Number	706-4500
Police Department Main Number	706-4550
Neighborhood Services Unit	706-4550
Bicycle Registration	706-4550
CARE Program	706-4550
Municipal Court	706-4530
Business License	706-4500



BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Operation Safe Season

The Bluffton Police Department is looking to enhance community safety, reduce robbery rates in all areas of Bluffton, to deter any and all crimes that occur at local business establishments, and increase awareness to potential safety hazards for the holiday season.

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Operation Safe Season

The holiday season is often a joyous time of giving, sharing, and spending time with family and friends. Unfortunately, this time gives predators a ripe opportunity to commit crimes such as shoplifting, frauds, break-ins, burglaries, and robberies.

The Bluffton Police Department will maintain a high visibility in all business areas to help prevent these crimes before they occur. It is the Bluffton Police Department's goal to make it a safe and happy holiday season for all.



Holiday Safety Tips for Shoppers

1. Park in well lit spaces and as close to store as possible
2. Lock all car doors and hide all packages in trunk out of view of window.
3. Don't carry large amounts of cash.
4. Make sure you are not encumbered with a large number of packages. Make trips back to car to stow them in the trunk as you continue to shop.
5. Carry your purse as close to your body as possible, no dangling straps.
6. Carry your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
7. Do not shop alone. Coordinate shopping trips with your friends.
8. Teach your children who to go to in case you become separated in a store, such as a store clerk or security guard.

Holiday Safety Tips for Businesses

1. Ensure an uncluttered and well lit view from the outside.
2. Ensure staff has an unobstructed view of customers and they should know proper procedures if they spot a shoplifter.
3. Train staff to recognize counterfeit currency, credit cards, and false ID's.
4. Excess cash should be transferred from register frequently.
5. Cash registers should be emptied every night.
6. The money in the registers should be counted in a secure area out of view of customers and passers-by.
7. Surveillance cameras should be serviced and maintained regularly.
8. Parking lots should be well lit and maintained to ensure customer safety.
9. Become a member of the Business Watch Program.

